Constitution of Wakf Tribunals in various States

3768. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the State Governments/Union Territories have not constituted Wakf Tribunals under the Wakf Act, 1995;

(b) whether it is affecting the cases involving Wakf Properties adversely; and

(c) the step taken by Government to expedite constitution of Wakf Tribunals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The States/Union Territories of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry have reported constitution of Wakf Tribunals under the Wakf Act, 1995. Other States/UTs have been requested for setting up of Wakf Tribunals and taking appropriate action for smooth management of Wakf properties.

Representations regarding reservation to OBCs in educational institutions

3769. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUS TICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been made to Government for providing reservations to OBCs in educational institutions under the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter, and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As the reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in admission to educational institutions is a policy issue having a far reaching impact on the future of the education system in the country, wide ranging consultations are essential before arriving at a final decision in this regard. Presently, the Government is in the process of having consultations on this